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Police Aim to Save Lives with "Booze It & Lose It"



The Governor's Highway Safety Program reminds drivers not to drink and drive.

Due to the increase in drunk driving-related fatalities around the holidays each year, state and local law enforcement agencies across North Carolina were out in full force for the holiday Booze It & Lose It campaign. The statewide campaign lasted from December 11, 2015 through Jan. 3.

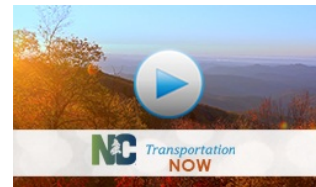
Their efforts resulted in 3,074 DWI charges in which 252 were drug-related charges and 2,822 were alcohol related.

Nearly 350 law enforcement agencies participated in the campaign, issuing 105,020 traffic and criminal citations in addition to the 2,822 DWI charges at 10,914 checking stations and saturation patrols across the state.

The top five counties for DWI arrests during the campaign were as follows:

- Wake County - 260;
- Guilford County - 208;
- Mecklenburg County - 168;
- Cumberland County - 136; and
- Forsyth County - 125.

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**Contract Awarded for
Replacement of I-95
Little River Bridges in
Johnston County**

Board Approves *Deputy C. Paul West Sr. Bridge* Naming for Smithfield



From left: Transportation Secretary Nick Tennyson, Board of Transportation Member Gus Tulloss, Division Engineer Tim Little, Angie West, Durwood Stephenson and Board Chairman Ned Curran.

The U.S. 70 Business/Market Street Bridge in downtown Smithfield will soon be named in memory of a local hero who devoted his career to the communities of Smithfield and Johnston County.

At their January meeting, the N.C. Board of Transportation approved the naming of the bridge over the Neuse River as the *Deputy C. Paul West Sr. Bridge* in honor of the late Johnston County Sheriff's deputy. West's sister, Angie attended the board meeting along with local leader and former Board of Transportation Member Durwood Stephenson

West was a graduate of Smithfield-Selma High School, joined the United States Marine Corps and after an honorable discharge returned to Johnston County where he later became a deputy with the Johnston County Sheriff's Office.

In addition to his work, West spent countless hours working in his community to support the youth through coaching and volunteering.

On September 11, 1995, West was fatally wounded in the line of duty. He leaves behind a wife and two sons. The Johnston County Board of Commissioners and the Smithfield Town Council requested the bridge be named in honor of West.

A ceremony to officially name the bridge over the Neuse River as the *Deputy C. Paul West Sr. Bridge* will be scheduled for later this year.

Please note updated number of lanes for each new bridge

NCDOT awarded a \$12.9 million contract to Fred Smith Co. of Raleigh for the replacement of two bridges on I-95 in Johnston County.

The north and southbound bridges over the Little River, located just north of Exit 105 for Bagley Road, were constructed in 1956 and are classified as Structurally Deficient and Functionally Obsolete. This means that the bridges are safe; however, they require significant maintenance to remain in service and were built to design standards no longer in use.

The new bridges will be built to modern design standards and will not have posted weight limits.

Work will begin this spring on the replacement project, with completion scheduled for late fall 2018. An exact start date has not been set at this time.

Each new bridge will have two travel lanes; however, they will be built wide enough to accommodate four lanes of traffic in the future. The new northbound bridge will also have an additional outside lane that will serve as the onramp for traffic from Bagley Road merging on the interstate. This will give traffic more time to merge on to I-95.

Both bridges will remain open

New Projects and Updated Schedules Approved

At their January meeting, the N.C. Board of Transportation approved new transportation projects, as well as accelerated schedules for already-planned projects, as part of the [2016-2025 State Transportation Improvement Program \(STIP\)](#) - NCDOT's 10-year construction plan. These changes, called amendments, were made possible thanks to Governor Pat McCrory's 2015 budget.

For Division Four, several new projects have been added, and multiple other projects moved up in schedule. These include 18 new and accelerated [highway projects](#), three new aviation projects and one new sidewalk project.

The following are a sample of projects that will be added or moved up in Division Four:

- Construct interchange on U.S. 117 at Country Club Road in Wayne County. Construction accelerated from FY 21 to FY 17;
- Make intersection improvements on Wilson Mills Road in Johnston County at Wilson Mills Elementary School. Construction accelerated from FY 20 to FY 18; and
- Widen and make improvements to U.S. 117 between the U.S. 70 Bypass and Fedelon Trail in Goldsboro. Construction accelerated from FY 20 to FY 18.

The complete expanded and accelerated list of [highway](#) and [non-highway](#) projects can be found on NCDOT's website.

The state budget included additional funding for transportation through the elimination of the transfer from the Highway Fund to the General Fund and through other fee and rate changes resulting in an additional \$1.6 billion over the next 10 years for transportation construction.

The department followed the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law to identify new projects (either segments or entire projects) at the statewide, regional and division levels. The projects were identified from those previously scored based on the same weights and criteria (data) used to develop the 2016-2025 STIP.

during their replacement with occasional lane closures in place when necessary.

The outside half of each new bridge will be constructed first while traffic continues to use the existing north and southbound bridges. Once this is complete, traffic will be shifted to the new outside half of each new bridge. The original two bridges will then be demolished and the new inside half of each bridge will be constructed.



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